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SUBJ: NOVEMBER 29 NAC CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL EXPERTS' REPORTS

1. IN COUNCIL ACTION EVENING NOVEMBER 29, PERMREPS AGREED THAT REGIONAL EXPERTS' REPORTS ON THE MAGHREB, THE FAR EAST, AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SHARA, LATIN AMERICA, AND ON THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE SHOULD BE FORWARDED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS. AS FORESHADOWED USNATO 4952, PERMREPS AGREED NOT TO FORWARD THE REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH WAS COMPLETED ON THE EVE OF THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

2. REPORT ON SOVIET AND EE DEVELOPMENTS WAS THE ONLY ONE TO BE COMMENTED ON BY PERMREPS.

3. PECK (UK) EXPRESSED, THE HOPE THAT THE EXPERTS DID NOT MEAN IN THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 2 OF SOVIET/EE REPORT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE NO LONGER MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO EXERT GREATER INFLUENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE AND TO SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN FAVOR OF THE SOVIET UNION.

4. CANADIAN PERMREP (MENZIES) ASKED HOW THE PESSIMISTIC
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PROJECTIONS FOR U.S.-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENTS SQUARED WITH NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS THAT SUCH AGREEMENTS ARE EXPANDING IN NUMBER. EXPERTS' CHAIRMAN (DE BEAUSSE) SUGGESTED THAT EXPERTS' COMMENTS HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY RECENT U.S.

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CONGRESSIONAL ACTION CASTING SHADOW ON EXPANSION IN U.S.-
SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT FIELD.

5. SVART (DENMARK) WONDERED IF EXPERTS' VIEW IN PARA 10
ON SOVIET SATISIFACTION WITH CURRENT DETENTE PROSPECTS WAS
REALLY WELL FOUNDED SINCE CSCE WAS TAKING DIRECTIONS WHICH
SOVIETS HAD NOT BARGAINED FOR. SVART ALSO ASKED HOW THE LAST
SENTENCE IN PARA 13 ON CEMA-EEC CONTACTS SQUARED WITH THE
STATEMENT IN PARA 23 TO THE EFFECT THAT SOME EE'S ARE UPSET
AT CEMA OVERTURES TO THE EEC. SVART PREFFERED THE FORMULATION
IN THE LATTER PARA SUGGESTING THAT SOME EE'S WERE AFRAID
THAT NEW CEMA-EEC RELATIONSHIPS MIGHT DAMAGE PROSPECTS FOR THEIR
BILATERAL TRADE WITH INDIVDUAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. RUMSFELD

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